	TRANSPORTATION TAX AMENDMENTS
	2023 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Mike Schultz
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LO	NG TITLE
Gen	neral Description:
	This bill reduces the tax on motor fuel, increases vehicle registration fees, and imposes
a taz	x on the sale of electricity for electric vehicle charging.
Hig	hlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	increases vehicle registration fees by \$7;
	amends provisions related to and reduces the rate for motor fuel tax;
	• imposes a tax on the sale of electricity at an electric vehicle charging station or an
lec	tric vehicle charging subscription and deposits the revenue into the
Traı	nsportation Fund; and
	makes technical changes.
Mo	ney Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
Oth	er Special Clauses:
	This bill provides a special effective date.
Uta	h Code Sections Affected:
AM	ENDS:
	41-1a-1206, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 56, 259
	59-13-201, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 68
ENA	ACTS:
	59-30-101 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

	59-30-102 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
	59-30-103 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
Be i	it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 41-1a-1206 is amended to read:
	41-1a-1206. Registration fees Fees by gross laden weight.
	(1) Except as provided in Subsections (2) and (3), at the time application is made for
regi	stration or renewal of registration of a vehicle or combination of vehicles under this
cha	pter, a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
	(a) \$46.00 for each motorcycle;
	(b) \$44 for each motor vehicle of 12,000 pounds or less gross laden weight, excluding
mo	torcycles;
	(c) unless the semitrailer or trailer is exempt from registration under Section 41-1a-202
or i	s registered under Section 41-1a-301:
	(i) \$31 for each trailer or semitrailer over 750 pounds gross unladen weight; or
	(ii) \$28.50 for each commercial trailer or commercial semitrailer of 750 pounds or less
gro	ss unladen weight;
	(d) (i) \$53 for each farm truck over 12,000 pounds, but not exceeding 14,000 pounds
gro	ss laden weight; plus
	(ii) \$9 for each 2,000 pounds over 14,000 pounds gross laden weight;
	(e) (i) \$69.50 for each motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles, excluding farm
truc	eks, over 12,000 pounds, but not exceeding 14,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus
	(ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 14,000 pounds gross laden weight;
	(f) (i) \$69.50 for each park model recreational vehicle over 12,000 pounds, but not
exc	eeding 14,000 pounds gross laden weight; plus
	(ii) \$19 for each 2,000 pounds over 14,000 pounds gross laden weight;
	(g) \$45 for each vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1981 or newer;

56	(h) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(b):
57	(i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:
58	(A) each electric motor vehicle; and
59	(B) Each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (1)(h) that is fueled
60	exclusively by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or propane;
61	(ii) \$21.75 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
62	(iii) \$56.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
63	(i) in addition to the fee described in Subsection (1)(g), for a vintage vehicle that has a
64	model year of 1981 or newer, 50 cents.
65	(2) (a) At the time application is made for registration or renewal of registration of a
66	vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section 41-1a-215.5, a
67	registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
68	(i) \$34.50 for each motorcycle; and
69	(ii) \$33.50 for each motor vehicle of 12,000 pounds or less gross laden weight,
70	excluding motorcycles.
71	(b) In addition to the fee described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), for registration or renewal
72	of registration of a vehicle under this chapter for a six-month registration period under Section
73	41-1a-215.5 a registration fee shall be paid to the division as follows:
74	(i) an amount equal to the road usage charge cap described in Section 72-1-213.1 for:
75	(A) each electric motor vehicle; and
76	(B) each motor vehicle not described in this Subsection (2)(b) that is fueled exclusively
77	by a source other than motor fuel, diesel fuel, natural gas, or propane;
78	(ii) \$16.50 for each hybrid electric motor vehicle; and
79	(iii) \$43.50 for each plug-in hybrid electric motor vehicle.
80	(3) (a) Beginning on January 1, 2024, at the time of registration:
81	(i) in addition to the amounts described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(i),
82	(1)(c)(ii), (1)(d)(i), (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), (1)(h), (4)(a), and (7), the individual shall also pay

83	an additional \$7 as part of the registration fee; and
84	(ii) in addition to the amounts described in Subsection (2)(a), the individual shall also
85	pay an additional \$5 as part of the registration fee.
86	[(a)] (b) (i) Beginning on January 1, 2019, the commission shall, on January 1,
87	annually adjust the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c)(i), (1)(c)(ii),
88	(1)(d)(i), (1)(e)(i), (1)(f)(i), (1)(g), (2)(a), (3)(a), (4)(a), and (7), by taking the registration fee
89	rate for the previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:
90	(A) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year by the
91	actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index; and
92	(B) 0.
93	(ii) Beginning on January 1, 2024, the commission shall, on January 1, annually adjust
94	the registration fees described in Subsections (1)(h)(ii) and (iii) and (2)(b)(ii) and (iii) by taking
95	the registration fee rate for the previous year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:
96	(A) an amount calculated by multiplying the registration fee of the previous year by the
97	actual percentage change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index; and
98	(B) 0.
99	$[\underline{(b)}]$ $\underline{(c)}$ The amounts calculated as described in Subsection $[\underline{(3)(a)}]$ $\underline{(3)(b)}$ shall be
100	rounded up to the nearest 25 cents.
101	(4) (a) The initial registration fee for a vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1980 or
102	older is \$40.
103	(b) A vintage vehicle that has a model year of 1980 or older is exempt from the
104	renewal of registration fees under Subsection (1).
105	(c) A vehicle with a Purple Heart special group license plate issued in accordance with
106	Section 41-1a-421 is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
107	(d) A camper is exempt from the registration fees under Subsection (1).
108	(5) If a motor vehicle is operated in combination with a semitrailer or trailer, each
109	motor vehicle shall register for the total gross laden weight of all units of the combination if the

110 total gross laden weight of the combination exceeds 12,000 pounds. 111 (6) (a) Registration fee categories under this section are based on the gross laden 112 weight declared in the licensee's application for registration. 113 (b) Gross laden weight shall be computed in units of 2,000 pounds. A fractional part 114 of 2,000 pounds is a full unit. 115 (7) The owner of a commercial trailer or commercial semitrailer may, as an alternative 116 to registering under Subsection (1)(c), apply for and obtain a special registration and license 117 plate for a fee of \$130. 118 (8) Except as provided in Section 41-6a-1642, a truck may not be registered as a farm 119 truck unless: 120 (a) the truck meets the definition of a farm truck under Section 41-1a-102; and 121 (b) (i) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 12,000 pounds; or 122 (ii) the truck has a gross vehicle weight rating of 12,000 pounds or less and the owner 123 submits to the division a certificate of emissions inspection or a waiver in compliance with 124 Section 41-6a-1642. 125 (9) A violation of Subsection (8) is an infraction that shall be punished by a fine of not 126 less than \$200. (10) Trucks used exclusively to pump cement, bore wells, or perform crane services 127 with a crane lift capacity of five or more tons, are exempt from 50% of the amount of the fees 128 129 required for those vehicles under this section. 130 Section 2. Section **59-13-201** is amended to read: 131 59-13-201. Rate -- Tax basis -- Exemptions -- Revenue deposited into the 132 Transportation Fund -- Restricted account for boating uses -- Refunds -- Reduction of tax 133 in limited circumstances.

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(1) (a) (i) Subject to the provisions of this section and except as provided in Subsection

(1)(e), a tax is imposed at the rate of [16.5%] 14.2% of the statewide average rack price of a

gallon of motor fuel per gallon upon all motor fuel that is sold, used, or received for sale or

used in this state.

	(ii)	Notwith	standing	g Subse	ection	(1)(a)((i), fo	r the p	period	begii	nning	on J	July 1	, 202	3, a	nd
ending	g on	Decembe	r 31, 20	23, the	rate d	lescrib	ed in	Subse	ection	(1)(a)(i) sl	nall l	oe 34.	5 cei	nts p	<u>ser</u>
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- (b) (i) Until December 31, 2018, and subject to the requirements under Subsection (1)(c), the statewide average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel under Subsection (1)(a) shall be determined by calculating the previous fiscal year statewide average rack price of a gallon of regular unleaded motor fuel, excluding federal and state excise taxes, for the 12 months ending on the previous June 30 as published by an oil pricing service.
- (ii) Beginning on January 1, 2019, and subject to the requirements under Subsection (1)(c), the statewide average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel under Subsection (1)(a) shall be determined by calculating the previous three fiscal years statewide average rack price of a gallon of regular unleaded motor fuel, excluding federal and state excise taxes, for the 36 months ending on the previous June 30 as published by an oil pricing service.
- (c) (i) Subject to the requirement in Subsection (1)(c)(ii), the statewide average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel determined under Subsection (1)(b) may not be less than \$1.78 per gallon.
- (ii) Beginning on January 1, 2019, the commission shall, on January 1, annually adjust the minimum statewide average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel described in Subsection (1)(c)(i) by taking the minimum statewide average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel for the previous calendar year and adding an amount equal to the greater of:
- (A) an amount calculated by multiplying the minimum statewide average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel for the previous calendar year by the actual percent change during the previous fiscal year in the Consumer Price Index; and
- 161 (B) 0.
 - (iii) The statewide average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel determined by the commission under Subsection (1)(b) may not exceed [\$2.43 per gallon.]:

164	(A) for a calendar year beginning on January 1, 2024, \$2.57 per gallon;
165	(B) for a calendar year beginning on January 1, 2025, \$2.71 per gallon;
166	(C) for a calendar year beginning on January 1, 2026, \$2.82 per gallon; and
167	(D) for a calendar year beginning on January 1, 2028, and thereafter, \$2.96 per gallon.
168	(iv) The minimum statewide average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel described and
169	adjusted under Subsections (1)(c)(i) and (ii) may not exceed the maximum statewide average
170	rack price of a gallon of motor fuel under Subsection (1)(c)(iii).
171	(d) (i) The commission shall annually:
172	(A) determine the statewide average rack price of a gallon of motor fuel in accordance
173	with Subsections (1)(b) and (c);
174	(B) adjust the fuel tax rate imposed under Subsection (1)(a), rounded to the nearest
175	one-tenth of a cent, based on the determination under Subsection (1)(b);
176	(C) publish the adjusted fuel tax as a cents per gallon rate; and
177	(D) post or otherwise make public the adjusted fuel tax rate as determined in
178	Subsection (1)(d)(i)(B) no later than 60 days before the annual effective date under Subsection
179	(1)(d)(ii).
180	(ii) The tax rate imposed under this Subsection (1) and adjusted as required under
181	Subsection (1)(d)(i) shall take effect on January 1 of each year.
182	(e) In lieu of the tax imposed under Subsection (1)(a) and subject to the provisions of
183	this section, a tax is imposed at the rate of 3/19 of the rate imposed under Subsection (1)(a),
184	rounded up to the nearest penny, upon all motor fuels that meet the definition of clean fuel in
185	Section 59-13-102 and are sold, used, or received for sale or use in this state.
186	(2) Any increase or decrease in tax rate applies to motor fuel that is imported to the
187	state or sold at refineries in the state on or after the effective date of the rate change.
188	(3) (a) No motor fuel tax is imposed upon:
189	(i) motor fuel that is brought into and sold in this state in original packages as purely

interstate commerce sales;

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- (ii) motor fuel that is exported from this state if proof of actual exportation on forms prescribed by the commission is made within 180 days after exportation;
- (iii) motor fuel or components of motor fuel that is sold and used in this state and distilled from coal, oil shale, rock asphalt, bituminous sand, or solid hydrocarbons located in this state; or
- (iv) motor fuel that is sold to the United States government, this state, or the political subdivisions of this state.
- (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules governing the procedures for administering the tax exemption provided under Subsection (3)(a)(iv).
- (4) The commission may either collect no tax on motor fuel exported from the state or, upon application, refund the tax paid.
- (5) (a) All revenue received by the commission under this part shall be deposited daily with the state treasurer and credited to the Transportation Fund.
- (b) An appropriation from the Transportation Fund shall be made to the commission to cover expenses incurred in the administration and enforcement of this part and the collection of the motor fuel tax.
- (6) (a) The commission shall determine what amount of motor fuel tax revenue is received from the sale or use of motor fuel used in motorboats registered under Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act, and this amount shall be deposited into a restricted revenue account in the General Fund of the state.
- (b) The funds from this account shall be used for the construction, improvement, operation, and maintenance of state-owned boating facilities and for the payment of the costs and expenses of the Division of Outdoor Recreation in administering and enforcing Title 73, Chapter 18, State Boating Act.
- (7) (a) The United States government or any of its instrumentalities, this state, or a political subdivision of this state that has purchased motor fuel from a licensed distributor or

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from a retail dealer of motor fuel and has paid the tax on the motor fuel as provided in this section is entitled to a refund of the tax and may file with the commission for a quarterly refund. (b) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the commission shall make rules governing the application and refund provided for in Subsection (7)(a). (8) (a) The commission shall refund annually into the Off-highway Vehicle Account in the General Fund an amount equal to .5% of the motor fuel tax revenues collected under this section. (b) This amount shall be used as provided in Section 41-22-19. (9) (a) Beginning on April 1, 2001, a tax imposed under this section on motor fuel that is sold, used, or received for sale or use in this state is reduced to the extent provided in Subsection (9)(b) if: (i) a tax imposed on the basis of the sale, use, or receipt for sale or use of the motor fuel is paid to the Navajo Nation; (ii) the tax described in Subsection (9)(a)(i) is imposed without regard to whether or not the person required to pay the tax is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation; and (iii) the commission and the Navajo Nation execute and maintain an agreement as provided in this Subsection (9) for the administration of the reduction of tax. (b) (i) If but for Subsection (9)(a) the motor fuel is subject to a tax imposed by this section: (A) the state shall be paid the difference described in Subsection (9)(b)(ii) if that difference is greater than \$0; and (B) a person may not require the state to provide a refund, a credit, or similar tax relief if the difference described in Subsection (9)(b)(ii) is less than or equal to \$0.

(ii) The difference described in Subsection (9)(b)(i) is equal to the difference between:

(A) the amount of tax imposed on the motor fuel by this section; less

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245	(B) the tax imposed and collected by the Navajo Nation on the motor fuel.
246	(c) For purposes of Subsections (9)(a) and (b), the tax paid to the Navajo Nation under
247	a tax imposed by the Navajo Nation on the basis of the sale, use, or receipt for sale or use of
248	motor fuel does not include any interest or penalties a taxpayer may be required to pay to the
249	Navajo Nation.
250	(d) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
251	commission shall make rules governing the procedures for administering the reduction of tax
252	provided under this Subsection (9).
253	(e) The agreement required under Subsection (9)(a):
254	(i) may not:
255	(A) authorize the state to impose a tax in addition to a tax imposed under this chapter;
256	(B) provide a reduction of taxes greater than or different from the reduction described
257	in this Subsection (9); or
258	(C) affect the power of the state to establish rates of taxation;
259	(ii) shall:
260	(A) be in writing;
261	(B) be signed by:
262	(I) the chair of the commission or the chair's designee; and
263	(II) a person designated by the Navajo Nation that may bind the Navajo Nation;
264	(C) be conditioned on obtaining any approval required by federal law;
265	(D) state the effective date of the agreement; and
266	(E) state any accommodation the Navajo Nation makes related to the construction and
267	maintenance of state highways and other infrastructure within the Utah portion of the Navajo
268	Nation; and
269	(iii) may:
270	(A) notwithstanding Section 59-1-403, authorize the commission to disclose to the
271	Navajo Nation information that is:

272	(1) contained in a document filed with the commission; and
273	(II) related to the tax imposed under this section;
274	(B) provide for maintaining records by the commission or the Navajo Nation; or
275	(C) provide for inspections or audits of distributors, carriers, or retailers located or
276	doing business within the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation.
277	(f) (i) If, on or after April 1, 2001, the Navajo Nation changes the tax rate of a tax
278	imposed on motor fuel, any change in the reduction of taxes under this Subsection (9) as a
279	result of the change in the tax rate is not effective until the first day of the calendar quarter after
280	a 60-day period beginning on the date the commission receives notice:
281	(A) from the Navajo Nation; and
282	(B) meeting the requirements of Subsection (9)(f)(ii).
283	(ii) The notice described in Subsection (9)(f)(i) shall state:
284	(A) that the Navajo Nation has changed or will change the tax rate of a tax imposed on
285	motor fuel;
286	(B) the effective date of the rate change of the tax described in Subsection (9)(f)(ii)(A);
287	and
288	(C) the new rate of the tax described in Subsection (9)(f)(ii)(A).
289	(g) If the agreement required by Subsection (9)(a) terminates, a reduction of tax is not
290	permitted under this Subsection (9) beginning on the first day of the calendar quarter after a
291	30-day period beginning on the day the agreement terminates.
292	(h) If there is a conflict between this Subsection (9) and the agreement required by
293	Subsection (9)(a), this Subsection (9) governs.
294	Section 3. Section 59-30-101 is enacted to read:
295	CHAPTER 30. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING TAX
296	Part 1. Electric Vehicle Charging Tax
297	<u>59-30-101.</u> Definitions.
298	As used in this chapter:

299	(1) "Charging station" means equipment designed to deliver electric energy to an
300	electric vehicle for a fee.
301	(2) "Charging station operator" means a person who owns or operates a charging
302	station in the state.
303	(3) "Charging station subscription" means a service for which a person pays a charging
304	station operator a subscription fee for a reduced charging rate or unlimited charging during the
305	subscription period.
306	(4) "Electric vehicle" means a qualifying electric vehicle or qualifying plug-in hybrid
307	vehicle.
308	(5) "Qualifying electric vehicle" means the same as that term is defined in Section
309	<u>11-42a-102.</u>
310	(6) "Qualifying plug-in hybrid vehicle" means the same as that term is defined in
311	Section 11-42a-102.
312	Section 4. Section 59-30-102 is enacted to read:
313	59-30-102. Imposition Rate Revenue distribution.
314	(1) There is levied a tax upon the retail sale of:
315	(a) electric current sold by a charging station operator to charge or recharge an electric
316	vehicle; and
317	(b) a charging station subscription by a charging station operator to charge or recharge
318	an electric vehicle.
319	(2) The tax levied under Subsection (1) is imposed at a rate of 12.5% for a charging
320	station operator that charges:
321	(a) per kilowatt hour as described in Subsection (4)(a);
322	(b) per hour as described in Subsection (4)(a);
323	(c) a subscription fee for charging services as described in Subsection (4)(b); or
324	(d) a combination of Subsections (2)(a) through (c).
325	(3) (a) A charging station operator shall remit a return on the tax imposed in

326	Subsection (1) in an electronic format approved by the commission on the same schedule as the
327	charging station operator's sales and use tax filing.
328	(b) The tax amount reported on the return described in Subsection (3)(a) is due and
329	payable according to the same terms and schedule as the charging station operator's sales and
330	use tax remittance schedule.
331	(4) (a) For a charging station operator that charges a fee per kilowatt hour, the charging
332	station operator shall furnish with each sale an itemized invoice, including:
333	(i) the name of the charging station operator;
334	(ii) the date of sale;
335	(iii) the number of kilowatt hours sold, or the length of time using the charging station;
336	(iv) the sales price per kilowatt hour, or per hour for use of the charging station; and
337	(v) the total sales price of the transaction.
338	(b) For a charging station operator that charges a fee for a charging station
339	subscription, the charging station operator shall furnish with each sale an itemized invoice,
340	including:
341	(i) the name of the charging station operator;
342	(ii) the date of sale;
343	(iii) the subscription price; and
344	(iv) the total sales price of the transaction.
345	(c) In addition to the information required in Subsection (4)(a) or (b), a charging
346	station operator shall ensure that an invoice indicates on a separate line the tax imposed under
347	Subsection (1).
348	(5) In addition to the tax required by this part, a charging station operator shall pay a
349	penalty as provided in Section 59-1-401, plus interest at the rate and in the manner prescribed
350	in Section 59-1-402, if the charging station operator subject to this section fails to:
351	(a) pay the tax prescribed by this section by the due date described in Subsection (3); or
352	(b) file a return required by this section by the due date described in Subsection (3).

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353	(6) The commission shall deposit revenue from the tax imposed in Subsection (1) into
354	the Transportation Fund.
355	Section 5. Section 59-30-103 is enacted to read:
356	59-30-103. Collection of electric vehicle charging tax.
357	(1) The commission shall administer, collect, and enforce a tax under this chapter in
358	accordance with:
359	(a) Chapter 1, General Taxation Policies; and
360	(b) the same procedures used to administer, collect, and enforce the tax under Chapter
361	12, Part 1, Tax Collection.
362	(2) A charging station operator required to collect a tax under this chapter may retain
363	6% of any amounts the seller is required to remit to the commission under this chapter for the
364	costs of collecting the tax.
365	(3) The commission shall retain and deposit an administrative charge in accordance
366	with Section 59-1-306 from the revenues the commission collects from a tax under this
367	chapter.
368	Section 6. Effective date.
369	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on January 1, 2024.
370	(2) The amendments to Section 59-13-201 in this bill take effect on July 1, 2023.